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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 April 2008.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-45 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 18-45 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-17 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed April 11, 2008 is hereby acknowledged. Applicant's Response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 18, 2008 is hereby acknowledged.

Claims 1-4 and 6-17 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

2. Claims 18-45 have been withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on April 11, 2008.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-4 and 6-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ikegawa et al. (Separation and Detection of Bile Acid 24-Glucuronides in Human Urine by Liquid Chromatography Combined with Electrospray Ionization Mass Spectrometry,

July 1999, Vol. 15, pages 625-631, submitted in the IDS filed on August 6, 2004).

Ikegawa et al. teach a method of measuring the amount of an unlabeled organic acid in a sample of urine comprising adding to a sample suspected of containing the unlabeled organic acid to be measured an amount of a standard comprising one or more oxygen-18 labeled organic acids (p. 625) wherein at least one of the oxygen-18 labeled organic acids belongs to an organic acid class of oxo acids and wherein at least one of the oxygen-18 labeled organic acids is structurally similar or identical to the unlabeled organic acid to be measured (p.626); processing the sample (p.626); measuring the amount of unlabeled organic acid and oxygen-18 organic acid in the processed sample (p.626); using the amount of oxygen-18 organic acid measured in step c) to adjust the amount of unlabeled organic acid measured in the processed sample so as to reflect the amount of unlabeled organic acid originally present in the sample (p.626). The detection is accomplished by LC/ESI-MS. Three or more oxygen-18 labeled organic acids from oxo acids are added to the urine sample (Tables 1-3).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KERI A. MOSS whose telephone number is (571)272-8267. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on (571)272-1700. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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